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## PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of: Craig Van Buuren for : METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR SIMULATING A BIOLOGICAL HEAP LEACHING PROCESS. Enclosed are:

- 1 sheet(s) of drawings, 14 pages of application (including title page), and the following Appendices : NONE.
- Declaration.
- Power of Attorney.
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Assignment transmittal letter and Assignment of the invention to : \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_.

| Claims as Filed                   | Col. 1    | Col. 2    |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| For                               | No. Filed | No. Extra |
| Basic Fee                         |           |           |
| Total Claims                      | -20       |           |
| Indep. Claims                     | -3        |           |
| Multiple Dependent Claims Present |           |           |

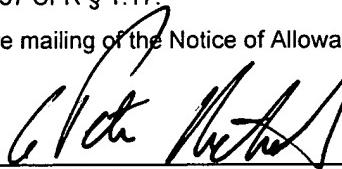
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| Small Entity |        |
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|              | \$ 385 |
| x\$9=        | \$     |
| x\$43=       | \$     |
| +\$145=      | \$     |
| Total        | \$     |

| Other Than Small Entity |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Rate                    | Fee    |
|                         | \$ 770 |
| or                      | \$     |
| x\$18=                  | \$     |
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